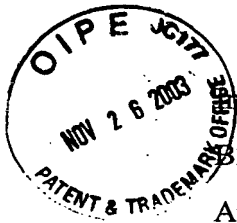


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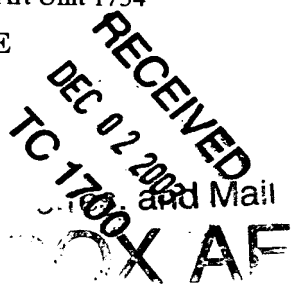
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated August 28, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.